

WELCOMING REMARKS
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Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the plenary session of the 11th China-ASEAN Prosecutors-General Conference. I am pleased that we will be discussing on the theme “**Enhancing Capabilities and Cooperation in Addressing Cybercrime**”.

I believe this is a very apt and relevant theme for this conference as this platform has brought about the Prosecutors-General and Attorneys-General in the region to discuss emerging threats of transnational crime and is an excellent means of sharing our challenges and best practices in combatting them.

Cybercrime is not new, however its effects are shattering. Technology has evolved in such a manner that it enables a person connected to the Internet and residing in one country to perpetrate crimes in other countries via the World Wide Web. With almost everyone connected to the Internet, cyber-attacks can occur instantaneously and cause devastation on a wide scale such as the “Wanna Cry” ransomware attacks which involved huge costs to organizations, businesses and even health care providers. Another example of a recent cyber-attack was in 2016, when hackers made off with almost 81

million in funds from the Bangladesh Bank Heist where hackers were able to unlawfully access the SWIFT global monetary transfer system. Such incidences are proof that we are vulnerable both globally and regionally and our Governments have to take the necessary precautions.

As cybercrime increasingly affects our society, it was apt to make cybercrime the theme for the 11th China-ASEAN Prosecutors-General Conference. It is in our common interest to emulate and derive best practices from each other in our effort to constantly improve existing mechanisms. Faced with new challenges, we need to advocate and formulate new measures which are practical and efficient.

Having legislation alone is not enough. Awareness and outreach programs to the community are also essential in order to ensure that as far as possible, we protect ourselves from being victims of cybercrime. Emphasis must also be placed on the cooperation we extend to one another when dealing with borderless crimes through international cooperation as well as the constant need for our human resources to be trained to know the latest threats and how to respond to them

In this regard, I look forward to hearing from you, all my counterparts on how your jurisdictions deal with cybercrime in your own countries and so enable us to learn from each other. I hope that we will all have a positive and constructive conference. I would now like to invite Mr Zhang Jun, my esteemed Co-Chair and Prosecutor-General of the Supreme People's Procuratorate of the People's Republic of China to deliver his welcoming remarks.